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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 1,

Line 13, add -- This patent application is also a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application 10/013,816, filed 10/19/01. --.

Column 3,

Line 11, "Some placers use nin-cut bipartitioning. This technique" should read -- Some placers use min-cut bipartitioning. This technique --.

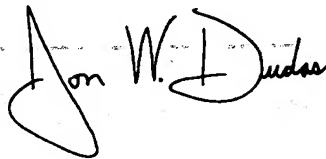
Column 34,

Line 51, the phrase "length the method further comprising:" should read -- length, the method further comprising: --.

Line 53, "for each set of potential sub-regions, storing the bend" should read -- for each set of sub-regions, storing the bend --.

Signed and Sealed this

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon W. Dudas". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J" and a distinct "D".

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